

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carrie Rudder, on her selection as Sevier County School System Secondary Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Rudder is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rudder has recently been selected Sevier County Secondary Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee and a educational specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rudder has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Pigeon Forge High School for five exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rudder truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she is an active member of local, state, and national education associations; she donates her time to mentor new teachers and assists the leadership team at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in the classroom, Ms. Rudder has served her students by coaching cross-country and girls' soccer; she also coordinates various school events and sponsors the Leo Club; and

WHEREAS, she serves her community by participating in numerous charity fundraisers throughout the year, working with her church, and coordinating community service projects for her students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rudder began her career as a magna cum laude intern at West High School; since becoming a certified teacher, she has been recognized by her peers and superiors as the Pigeon Forge High School Teacher of the Year and is now receiving system-wide recognition for the quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Ms. Rudder is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her fiancé, Matt Bailey; as well as the support she receives from her parents Rick and Frances Rudder and her brother Matt; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Rudder truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Carrie Rudder on being chosen as the Sevier County School System's Secondary Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.